

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 30, 2004. Claims 1-46 and 48-51 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 10, 20, 21, 28, 37, 48, and 49 are independent. Claims 1, 10, 14, 20, 21, 28, 37, 50 and 51 have been amended as discussed below. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that this application is in condition for allowance with the exception of certain formalities.

The Claims have been amended to attend to the formalities identified in the Office Action. Specifically, Claims 1, 20, 21, and 28 have been amended to provide more explicit antecedent basis for the claim terms by changing "the specified size" to "the specified block size". Claims 1, 10, 20, 21, 28, 37, 50, and 51 have been amended for clarity by changing "in a first and second dimension" to "in a first dimension and a second dimension". Claim 14 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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